South Arcot district about two years ago to assign to them the reserve forest lands near their village for purposes of cultivation; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Recently three petitions were received.

" (b) Two of them were forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests for disposal. In one case, the Chief Conservator's remarks have been called for and the matter is under examination."

Acquisition of lands in the foreshore of Satyamangalam tank.

* 680 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the foreshore lands of Satyamangalam P.W.D. tank were acquired for the catchment area; and

(b) whether any compensation was paid to the owners of the said lands?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No land in the foreshore of Satyamangalam tank has yet been acquired, but the question of acquisition is under consideration.

" (b) Does not arise at present."

Tamil Nad Siddha Vaidya Sangam, Madurai.

* 681 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Tamil Nad Siddha Vaidya Sangam, Madurai, on 10th December 1953; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have instructed the Honorary Director of Indigenous Medicine to take necessary action on some of the resolutions while they have themselves passed orders on others except one which is still under consideration."

Repairs to the Kundera bridge in North Malabar.

* 682 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state why the Kundera bridge on the Payyanur-Peringom road, North Malabar has not yet been repaired?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" The bridge was repaired and opened for traffic on 23rd January 1954."